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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The programs of the Sectional Meetings to be held on Wednesday, April 6, in connection with the St. Joseph Conference, are to be found on other pages of this Journal. With the announcement of these programs, arrangements for St. Joseph are as complete as they can be so far in advance of the meeting.

There will undoubtedly be some minor changes but in the main, the weeks events will be carried out as scheduled in the January and current issues of the Journal.

The Sectional Meetings should be of unusual interest this year. Not only are there fewer of them than has been the case for several years, but the buildings in which they are to be held are so centrally located with reference to Headquarters that people who are interested in hearing parts of several or all Sections may easily do so. The demonstrations which are to be features of all the Sectional Meetings have been scheduled so that everyone may have opportunity to hear the groups singers or instrumentalists who will come to us from outside St. Joseph.

The Chairmen of the four meetings for Wednesday have devoted a great deal of time to the preparations of their programs. Practically all of the discussions listed are the result of requests sent in to either the Chairmen or the President. While it would be quite impossible to satisfy everybody, the four programs cover so many phases of music work that they will constitute a most important feature of the Conference.

You will notice many unfamiliar names among the speakers for the Sectional Meetings. It is also apparent that since so many parts of the country are represented, we shall have a wide range of opinion. This is as it should be in a National Conference. Definite amounts of time allotted for discussion from the floor will make it possible for many more than those programed to contribute to the meetings.

Those in charge of preparing the programs believe that they have carried out the wishes of our membership. They have attempted to stress matters that are of especial importance in our work to day.

All that now remains is for you who read this to get back of the Conference and make it a record breaker in point of membership and attendance. Few people can realize the amount of time and energy that our Officers put into the work of your Conference. None of them could afford to do this unless they were earnestly seeking to bring school music teaching to a higher level. Have you done your part to make them feel that the profession, as a whole, is back of them?

John W. Beattie.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The following information has to do with the matter of reduced rates to the Conference. Read it carefully so that it may be thoroughly understood

1. Reduced fares on a basis of a fare and one half on the Certificate Plan, will be granted by the following Passenger Associations: Western Passenger Association; Southwestern Passenger Association; Central Passenger Association; Trunk Line Association. The New England and Southeastern Associations definitely refuse rates to any convention during the year 1921. Action by the Transcontinental Association is still pending. If you live in any of the New England States, in any State south of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi River except Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland which are in Trunk Line territory, in Washington, Oregon, California or Nevada, ask your ticket agent to sell you a ticket to the nearest point from which rates are granted. If reduced rates are later granted in the territory mentioned, our State chairmen will be promptly notified.

Special! Wire just received from President Beattie. "Southeastern Passenger Association has granted reduced rates for St. Joe!"

2. In order to get the rate, the same route must be used on both ways.